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National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to formulate a National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the World Bank has submitted an environmental and social system assessment for the said programme, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the time by which the said programme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (d) The National Groundwater Management Improvement Scheme (NGMIS), supported by the World Bank, is under active consideration of the Government. The Scheme envisages sustainable ground water management through suitable supply/demand side interventions with stakeholder participation in identified priority areas of seven States viz. Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The estimated cost of the Scheme is Rs. 6,000 crore and it will be implemented over a period of six years.
An Environmental and Social Systems Assessment (ESSA) has been done for the NGMIS which presents the World Bank's summary view of Programme benefits, impacts and risks. The ESSA has made some recommendations for the NGMIS which, inter-alia , include suitable process for identification and selection of recharge structures; monitoring of quality of recharge water; strengthening and supporting Gram Panchayats for planning and water budgeting.
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